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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S MEETING WITH TUNISIAN PERM

REP MESTIRI, SEPTEMBER 20.

1. TUNISIAN PERM REP MESTIRI PAID COURTESY CALL ON GOVERNOR
SCRANTON, SEPTEMBER 20.

2. MIDDLE EAST: MESTIRI DOES NOT FORESEE ANY EFFORT
AT ISRAELI EXPULSION,
AND BELIEVES THAT ARABS REGARD INSERTION OF "ZIONISM IS
RACISM" LANGUAGE AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI REQUIRING NO FURTHER THRUST
THIS YEAR. HE AGREED ON THE NEED FOR CALMING THE SITUATION
IN LEBANON AND THAT SHOULD THIS BE POSSIBLE, THERE
COULD BE CERTAIN GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM CONCERNING THE
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN GENERAL.

3. SAHARA: MESTIRI CHARACTERIZES ALGERIA AS EXTREMELY
JEALOUS OF ADDITIONAL SIZE AND WEALTH GIVEN TO MOROCCO
THROUGH ABSORPTION OF SAHARA. HE PREDICTED A
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REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S DEBATE, ADDING THAT UNLIKE LAST

YEAR, HOWEVER, TUNISIA WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR A PRO-MOROCCAN DRAFT.

4. KOREA: MESTIRI DOES NOT FORESEE HIMSELF PLAYING NEARLY AS ACTIVE A ROLE AS DID HIS PREDECESSOR, AMB DRISS. HE INDICATED THAT TUNISIA AGAIN WOULD ABSTAIN ON KOREAN RESOLUTION.

5. MESTIRI SAID THAT HE ALSO WAS CONCERNED OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. AT COLOMBO, HE NOTED, MANY NON-ALIGNED EXPRESSED DESIRE TO "FIGHT" ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT AT THE 31ST UNGA. HERE, AS IN OTHER FIELDS, HE AGREED WITH GOVERNOR SCRANTON THAT IT WAS FAR MORE DESIRABLE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.

6. MESTIRI ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LEFTIST TRENDS IN FRANCE AND ITALY WHICH HE SAID SERVED, IN ADDITION TO THE POLITICS OF ALGERIA AND LIBYA, TO THREATEN TUNISIA'S STABILITY.
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